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FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren: June is here and summer will soon be upon us. It is time once more to turn our thoughts towards the Grand Lodge Communication to be held July 16 – 19, 2012 in Toronto. It is important that each lodge in our district send a representative or proxy to attend and tender their vote as to who will be elected into the positions that are open for Grand Lodge appointments.



My congratulations to V.W. Bro. Don Falconer (Buchanan Lodge No. 550), W. Bro. Jordan Slade (The Electric Lodge No. 495), W. Bro. George Jones (Landmarks/Doric No. 654), and W. Bro. Jason McCulloch (Wardrope Lodge No. 555) on their being installed into the chair of

King Solomon of their respective lodges for the coming Masonic year. I know that each lodge is in good hands and I wish them every success during the term of their important office.

On May 2, 2012, I had the distinct pleasure of presenting V.W. Bro. William (Bill) Stanfield with his 50-year pin for service to the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was also presented that night with his 50-year Jewel from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It was a wonderful occasion and made especially special by the presence of V.W. Bro. Stanfield's family.

On June 19, 2012, Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679 will go into darkness. Our Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers will be in attendance to conduct the ceremony. Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679 has served the District of Hamilton `C` since December 11, 1990. I hope that every brother of Centennial Daylight No. 679 has an easy transition to the lodge of their choice. I would encourage as many brethren as possible to attend and show our support for these brethren. My thanks to R.W. Bro. N. G. McCarthy as committee chair, and to R.W. Bro. R. Parliament, W. Bro. Ted Stewart-Burns, for their efforts in accumulating all of the information and a special thanks to Bro. Warren Page (Secretary) for his making sure that all of the correct information was supplied to Grand Lodge and the committee. The lodge will open at 10:00 a.m.

Also on June 19, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. my Journey's End ceremony will be held with Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 hosting the evening. I will be making several presentations that night as well as thanking the brethren who have travelled and supported me during my term as D.D.G.M. I hope that you will all attend so that I can personally thank each of you for your support.

On June 23, 2012 the 1st Annual District `C` B.B.Q. takes place. Please plan to attend with your families brethren and enjoy all of the events that have been organized for you. All of the information in regards to site and times is listed later on in the Chronicle.

Thank you for all of the Lodges that attended the District Meeting on May 19, 2012. It was a very productive meeting. We had the pleasure of being introduced to 2 of our prospective D.D.G.M.'s. I look forward to seeing you at our District meeting at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto in the Saskatchewan Room, commencing at 4:00 p.m. At that time we will be electing the new Hamilton District C D.D.G.M. for the year 2012 – 2013. Please plan to attend.

I would at this time, on behalf of my wife, Ann, like to thank all of you who have called or sent good wishes to her as she recovers from a broken wrist, which was the result of a fall at home. Your thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery are very much appreciated. She is now home after the operation and is recovering well.

John K. Johnston, D.D.G.M.

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FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Greetings, Brethren:



In my message last month, I stressed the importance of making informed decisions when you vote for candidates for Grand Lodge Office. Equally important is the decision that each of us makes as a Lodge member when we elect or appoint the junior officer in our Lodges. This is the member who will in all likelihood become your Master some day. One of the

distressing things I hear all too often is a situation where, for whatever reason, the Brethren become dissatisfied with an officer the closer he comes to assuming the Master's chair. My Brethren, our system of government is based on a steady progression through a number of stations in the Lodge. With each of these stations comes not only responsibility but accountability.

And, in some cases, even more significantly, expectations. Expectations on both sides – expectations of the membership, including the Past Masters, and expectations of the Officers progressing on their journey.

In most cases, any conflicts that arise are related to failure to meet expectations. I encourage the members of each lodge to engage in frank, open discussion about the expectations that you place on your Officers, from the Master on down. But, as members of the Lodge, you must also understand the expectations of the Brethren you elect or appoint. No officer can deliver against unknown expectations. No Lodge member can be dissatisfied with performance if his expectations of performance were not made known. It is indeed a two way street. Get to know your officers. The future of your Lodge depends upon it.

In a similar manner, do we make known to our candidates for Grand Lodge Office what we expect of them? In the months leading up to Grand Lodge, do we take the time to ascertain what their expectations are? My Brethren, the candidate sheets are out in the hands of every Lodge Secretary. Information will soon be published on the Grand Lodge website. I encourage you to get to know these Brethren and make an informed decision in July. The future of your Grand Lodge depends on it.

Brethren, part of our **Grand Lodge Mission statement is to provide effective and sustainable leadership to Ontario's Masonic community.** Putting capable and qualified leaders in place in our Lodges forms the nucleus of the talent pool on which your Grand Lodge draws from to fulfill its Mission.

Housekeeping Items

Installation Teams – Please remind those taking part in Installations that there is to be only one book open in Lodge and that is the one used by the designated sponsor. No other copies of the Ceremony of Installation are to be open in Lodge and no other Brethren should issue prompts.

Looking Ahead

I quote from our strategic Plan: *Freemasonry's timeless lessons, from their simple clarity to their sublime interpretation, may have never been more applicable to the lives of men as we believe they are today.*

We are experiencing a tremendous resurgence in Freemasonry in Ontario. The lists of applicants and candidates awaiting degrees is prevalent in many, many of our summons.

I perceive that many of our new Masons are indeed seeking out the lessons of our fraternity because of what they are not finding in the working world today. Those timeless lessons learned on the floor of the Lodge, the application of those lessons through the effective employment of our working tools, and our belief in a growing, exciting future in our jurisdiction will no doubt ensure the timeless vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario.

It is not enough to simply be working hard; we must be working hard at meaningful tasks that contribute to the overall health of this great fraternity!

D. Garry Dowling
Grand Master

For the Grand Master's full itinerary go to www.grandlodge.on.ca; click on Members Login; look on the list on the upper left hand side of the page, and click on "Grand Master's Itinerary".

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The **Grand Master's Banquet** will be held on **Wednesday, July 18, 2012**; doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will start promptly at **6:30 p.m.** Lodges may reserve a table for 8. Selection of reserved tables are made on a first come, first served basis. If you are reserving a table, please do not include any of the Elected, Appointed or Honorary Members of the Board. Those Members of the Board have assigned seating. Tickets for the Grand Master's Banquet are \$58 each and must be purchased through you the D.D.G.M.

District Meeting

Each District has been assigned a TIME and ROOM to hold their meeting. It is the responsibility of the D.D.G.M. to preside over the District Meeting. The first order of business shall be the election of the D.D.G.M. All ballots at the District Meeting, regardless of colour, count as one vote only. The new D.D.G.M. shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the lodges of such district. If a second ballot is required, only those brethren who have placed first or second on the first ballot shall be

eligible as candidates for the second ballot. The D.D.G.M. shall ensure his successor is eligible for the office of D.D.G.M., as per the Book of Constitution 50(b), before the Grand Master will confirm their election. All ballot papers cast shall be retained and forwarded (preferably in a sealed, marked envelope) to the Grand Secretary, as per Section 66 of the Book of Constitution.

Fairmont Royal York Hotel

You have to remember that we are not the only conference or function being held at the hotel. All delegates and brethren, who are planning on reserving a room at the Royal York, should do so as soon as possible. The Grand Secretary had made arrangements with the hotel to hold a number of room nights for "Masons" who are only guaranteed until June 1st. Don't be disappointed and book your room(s) now. All brethren who are making room reservations please advise the receptionist, you are part of the "Masonic Group."

Meet the Candidates

We have a number of candidates who have been nominated for Grand Senior Warden (3), Grand Junior Warden (2), Grand Registrar (4) and the Board of General Purposes (15). You will have an opportunity to meet the nominees on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, between 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Salon A on the Convention Floor at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Delegates, if you have the time, stop in and meet them.

Seminars

On Tuesday, July 17, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m., the Committee on Seminars and Workshops will be presenting five seminars for all brethren. See the opposite column of this issue for a complete time-table.

Voting

Past Masters, Masters and Wardens are to be reminded that voting for Grand Lodge Officers, except for the D.D.G.M., will take place on Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Balloting for Grand Lodge Officers is done at the time of registration. Masters, Wardens and Proxy holders should be familiar with Sections 56 and 57 of the Book of Constitution. A lodge that has properly made their Returns to Grand Lodge are entitled to three votes to be cast by the Master and Wardens if present. If any one of them be absent his vote shall be given to the senior officer (of the three present). Only if all three (Master and Wardens) are absent, the three votes may be cast by the Proxy delegated by the lodge. If a lodge fails to make their Return on or before July 8, Section 57, Constitution of Grand Lodge must be implemented.

Donald A. Campbell
Deputy Grand Master



FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

William Mercer Wilson recipients have reserved seating (front and centre) at the Annual Communication, Grand Master's Banquet. Do NOT include them in your reservation request for tables of eight. Please advise those lodges that have recipients choosing to attend that tickets must be purchased from the D.D.G.M. prior to their attendance.

Terence Shand
Grand Secretary

**AGENDA –
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the
G.L.C.P.O.**

MONDAY, JULY 16

The Board of General Purposes will meet in the Ballroom, on the Convention floor @ 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

The Board of General Purposes will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Ballroom, Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

Discussion and Participation Seminars are for all brethren. Pre-registration is not required.

Time	Alberta Rm	B. C. Rm	Quebec Rm
1:30	What Works For You	Membership & Mentoring	Diversity in Masonry
2:30	Cornerstone Project	Membership & Mentoring	Diversity in Masonry
3:30	Cornerstone Project	What Works For You	Serving Your Grand Lodge

PLUS: continuous information on computer resources 1:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. - Salon A, Convention Floor.

MEET THE NOMINEES Salon A - Convention Floor
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room, at 8:45 a.m.; M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling presiding.

Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received. An Address of Welcome will be tendered and Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 a.m. The brethren are asked to reassemble in the same place at 1:30p.m. Information about the GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET is found in the message **FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER** on page two of this edition. The **Guest Speaker** at the banquet is **V.W. Bro. Harry Ansara, Distinguished Toast Master.**

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m. in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

The installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly-elected D.D.G.M.s will take place on Thursday in the Canadian Room, at such time as the Grand Master shall direct. It is essential that each one be present and that he bring his regalia with him. Every member of Grand Lodge is expected to be present sharp on time.

INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Representatives of the committee will be on duty in the lobby of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel to supply information.

THE GRAND MASTER'S PROJECT



The Grand Master's Charitable Project for 2011-2013 is Camp Trillium, the Childhood Cancer Support Center - Masonic Foundation of Ontario Project

Number: 2847.

Camp Trillium's vision is to reach children with cancer by providing them and their families with fun and enriching recreational opportunities. We achieve this vision by providing outstanding year-round camp and recreational experiences to promote the healing process in a safe family-inclusive environment.

The Camp Trillium Spirit is captured in its Core Values: Fun: Is what Camp Trillium does and how we do it – creating memories which last a lifetime through laughter and friendship People: Our enthusiastic campers, dedicated staff and committed volunteers and generous supporters are the Camp Trillium Family Care: Camp Trillium embraces campers and their families with care in a safe and healing environment Innovation: Through innovative approaches, Camp Trillium provides a camping opportunity that encourages inclusiveness, creativity, personal growth and achievement.

Camp Trillium is a leader in oncology camping programs. Year round in the province of Ontario 56 programs are provided for children living with cancer and their families and in 2010, over 3,100 campers participated in residential and family camps as well as 8 week Day Camps held across the province.

Camp Trillium is the largest provider of recreational programs for children living with cancer in North America and is the lead association in the development of oncology camping policy and procedures templates in use in most camps in Canada. Camp Trillium is a place where children afflicted with cancer can enjoy what many take for granted... fun, friendships, and a respite from hospitals and treatment, but most importantly the chance to be normal.

Camp Trillium is unfortunately no longer funded by the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division because it no longer falls into their mandate to focus on Cancer research. Nor does Camp Trillium receive any government funding and the bulk of the monies come through private donations from service clubs, special events and generous individuals. They really appreciate the support of the Masons of Ontario.

GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 2012 CANDIDATES

Grand Registrar

Walter J. Drane	West Hill Lodge No. 670
Brett D. Kahler	Flower City Lodge No. 689
Alfred J. Quinn	Corinthian Lodge No. 481
James A. Van Trigt	King Solomon Lodge No. 41

Grand Treasurer (acclaimed)

Thomas W. Hogeboom

Grand Secretary (acclaimed)

Terence Shand

Grand Senior Warden

George Ghneim	Wellington Lodge No. 635
Rui M. Gomes	Doric Lodge No. 316
Robert D. Stillwell	High Park Melita Lodge No. 531

Grand Junior Warden

Ronald F. Janes	Sharon Lodge No. 97
Vincent G. Phillips	York Lodge No. 156

Board of General Purposes

Leslie F. Armstrong	Huron Lodge No. 392
Barry F. Burchill	Acacia Lodge No. 561
Robert J. Cresswell	Malahide Lodge No. 140
David R. Dainard	Riverdale-J.R. Robertson Lodge No. 545
John L. R. Hay	J.B.Hall Lodge No. 145
Gordon Hendrie	River Park Lodge No. 256
Terrence V. Horner	The Beaches Lodge No. 473
Brian V. Koivu	Algonquin Lodge No. 536
Stuart W. Libbey	Corinthian Lodge No. 669
Robert F. Manz	Port Arthur Lodge No. 499
Terence D.F. Pachal	Porcupine Lodge No. 506
David M. Sheen	Trillium Lodge No. 575
Thomas A. Siemiernik	Oak Branch Lodge No. 261
Paul R.A.E. Skazin	Ionic Lodge No. 25
Douglas M. Stewart	Tudor Lodge No. 141

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

Westmount Lodge No. 671

W. Bro. Chris Cleaver

Born and raised in Dundas, Ontario (until a family move to Huntsville for the last year of high school), Chris now lives on Hamilton Mountain with his wife and two young daughters. Chris is employed at Armagh Cash Register as a Sales and Service



Support Technician providing IT Support for all POS, Cash Register, and Scale Equipment. He enjoys the challenge of building systems, setting them up, training staff and solving any issues. He can be found working before leaving home and after the kids are in bed.

Chris is known for his home brewing and loves making beer right from the grain and is a member of CABA "Canadian Armature Brewing Association, SOB "Southern Ontario Brewers" and HOZERS "Hamilton Ontario Zymurgy Enthusiastic Ring. He is working on completing his semi-automated brewing station this summer. Chris was initiated, raised and passed in the year 2000. He was Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 551 in 2005 and is the current Master of Westmount Lodge. Both Chris and his wife, Nicole, are also members of the Order of the Eastern Star with Binbrook Chapter.

Chris joined Freemasonry because a friend whom he never got to see very often was a member; upon joining a few months later Chris learned that the friend had left the Craft. Then a Chris met a another lodge member, W. Bro. Harry Mitchell Jr., who took Chris aside and showed him what Masonry was all about - Brotherly Love, Respect, and Truth and to take it another step further - Making Good Men Better



Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks No. 654, incorporating Doric Lodge No. 382, established in 1879

W. Bro. George Jones



Born and raised in Fisherville, Ontario, George worked with his Father on his mobile feed truck and on several dairy farms until he was about 18. He then moved to Hamilton and started driving truck. George and his wife, Patti, have two children, Ashley and Mark. George and Patti now have two grandsons, Devon and Aaron.

Having met his wife's Uncle Gord from Smith Falls a few times, George found Uncle Gord would always be making balloon animals for the children. When George asked him where he learned how to do Uncle Gord said he was a Shriner and did this for the children. This intrigued George. George then asked him how does one become a Shriner. In George's words, "He told me you had to be a Mason first. So I sat there waiting for him to explain this to me but he didn't. I waited for a while then I said to him "Well, how do you become a Mason?" Well, it was then that his eyes lit up and he told me a little about it."

George was initiated in October 2001, passed in February 2002 and raised in September 2002. He started through the line and made it to Jr. W. in 2006. At that point he did not feel that he was ready to go further. And so he stepped out of the chairs. He was approached in 2009 and asked if he would be willing to go back into the chairs as Sr. W. At that point George felt he was ready to go forward with his Masonic career, and was pleased to do so. With the assistance and support of the P. M.s and the Brethren of the Lodge, he became W. M. of his Lodge.

George did join the Shrine in June of 2003. He joined the Hamilton Shrine Club and then joined the Klownz. He started a program called Kanz 4 Kidz. He collects pop kanz, beer kanz plus, and metals for recycling with the proceeds going for the Sneaker Fund for the Shriners' Hospitals.

George would like to see Masonry recognized for what it truly is - a good Fraternity where good men meet and do good work in and out of the Lodge.

**July - W. M. Profile -
Meridian Lodge No. 687**

SPRING DISTRICT C MEETING COMMITTEE REPORTS

At the Roll Call, there were 11 of the 14 Lodges officially represented, with almost fifty brethren present.

District Treasurer, V. W. Bro. Raymond Wilson, distributed his Financial Report, and announced that the District is in good shape, financially.

W. Bro. Edward Patterson, Chairman of the **Benevolence Committee** has not received any requests for benevolence.

W. Bro. Edward Patterson, Chairman of the **Hamilton Masonic District C Memorial and Remembrance Service** will be held on **Saturday, November 10, 2012** in the Cathedral of the Scottish Rite.

W. Bro. Edward Patterson, Chairman of the **Hamilton Masonic District C 1st Annual BBQ** will be held at the Holy Trinity/Serbian Community Centre on **Saturday, June 23, 2012**.

R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero, Co-chair of the **Blood Donors Committee**, reported that this committee has seen growth in several areas and has had a most successful year. He needs help from more volunteers to help run the clinics.

R. W. Bro. John L. MacPherson, Chairman of the **Masonic Foundation of Ontario Committee** commended the D.D.G.M. for bringing "Autism Ontario -Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter" project to the attention of the brethren of the District and thanked those who have supported this project.

W. Bro. David Wilkinson, MasoniChip Regional Co-ordinator, Chair of the **MasoniChip Committee** reported that the annual Ancaster Fair operation is scheduled to run as usual, It will run on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and is **being co-hosted by Landmarks/Doric No. 654 and St Andrews No. 593**. Contact Bro. Doug Pollard of Landmarks/Doric, if you can help on either of these days.

Bro. Devin Tuinstra, Chairman of the **Communications Committee**, reported that communications within our District appear to have reached a mature and steady state. Our District Website is continually being updated, and the secretaries of the lodges of the district are doing a great job maintaining their respective areas.

Some interesting observations he has made include:

- We receive just over 1000 unique visitors per month to our district website, (an increase of 30% over last year);
- The average unique visitor visits the website 1 to 2 times per month;
- The average user on the website visits 5 to 6 pages before leaving;
- We receive over 40,000 requests on our servers each month by Search Engines, which are indexing our content for their search results.

Out of all areas of the website, the Trestle Board is the most popular, followed by the Obituaries, Lodge Details, Past DDGMs, and then the District 'C'hronicle page.

W. Bro. Harley Auty, Editor of the **Hamilton Masonic District C Newsletter - The 'C'hronicle**, thanked the brethren of the District for their support. Thanks, too, were extended to the D.D.G.M. (R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston), the Associate Editor (R. W. Bro. Bill MacPherson), the District Photographer (V. W. Bro. John Lyness) and the Webmaster (Bro. Devin Tuinstra) for their significant contributions each month in publishing the newsletter.

It was announced that with regret the name of R. W. Bro. Wayne Elgie will be removed from the list of Chronicle Team Members as of the June edition. After several years of faithful service as Editor and Editorial Advisor, he has decided that it is time to hang up his Editorial hat in order to spend more time on other pursuits. Thanks were extended to him for all his work. The W. M.s were saluted for their excellent monthly biographies.

The Editorial Team is always looking for submissions from the brethren of the District and those too are greatly appreciated. If any brother would like to join us to assist in our efforts, we welcome your participation.

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Centennial Daylight Lodge No.679

Centennial Daylight Lodge

A.F. & A.M. No. 679 G.R.C.
Hamilton District "C"



Solis Ortus

Instituted: Niagara Falls, 1954
Relocated: Hamilton, 1990

On June 16, 1988, three masons – R. W. Bro. John De Young, V. W. Bro. Walter Simpson and W. Bro. Melvin Devins met to discuss the subject of a Daylight Lodge for the city of Hamilton.

The first topic was to increase the size of the committee to include R. W. Bro. James Curtis, W. Bro. James Bramley, W. Bro. David Dawson and W. Bro. Thomas Pocock. By August 24, 1988, they had a meeting with the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Robert Davies, and were told another group was attempting to form a Daylight Lodge and that they had first call on the idea. Our committee waited until May 17, 1989, before we could send in a petition to the Grand Master showing that arrangements had been made regarding the meeting place in the Central Masonic Temple, the printing of notices and the equipment of the Lodge to get started.

On October 4, 1990, a letter to meet with the Grand Secretary gave the news that a Lodge in Niagara was handing in its charter and if our committee would agree to accept that charter and Lodge name we were in business. The proposal was accepted and Centennial No. 679 would become Centennial Daylight No. 679 in Hamilton on December 11, 1990, in the Central Masonic Temple, Main Street East, Hamilton.

The inaugural meeting would have the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. David Bradley, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Norman Byrne, Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Robert Davies and other Grand Dignitaries in attendance and V. W. Bro. Joseph Hobson as Installing Master.

The first Officers installed and invested would be: W.M. - R.W. Bro. John De Young, I. P. M. - R. W. Bro. Fred Scott, S.W. - W. Bro. Mel Devins, J.W. - V. W. Bro. Walt Simpson, D. of C. - R. W. Bro. Roger Parliament, Treasurer - W. Bro. Lloyd Williamson, Secretary - W. Bro. Tom Pocock, Chaplain, - W. Bro. Dave Dawson, S.D. - Bro. Gord Stewart, J.D. - Bro. Wm. Best, I.G. -W. Bro. Dave Rogers, S.S. - Bro. Wm. Holcombe, J.S. - Bro. Art Stewart, and Tyler - Bro. George Plester.



The first group of Officers of Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679.

(The above article is an abbreviated version of a submission to The 'Chronicle by the late R. W. Bro. Cliff Tootell in 2010. Photo courtesy of Centennial Daylight Lodge.)

Officers Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679 2011 - 2012

V. W. Bro. Edward Stewart/Burns	W.M.
Bro. Warren E. Page	Secretary
W. Bro. George Duncan	Senior Warden
W. Bro. Robert Todd	Junior Warden
W. Bro. David Lynch	Senior Deacon
W. Bro. Eric McNair	Junior Deacon
R. W. Bro. Roger Parliament	Chaplain
W. Bro. Roy Bhim Singh	Treasurer
R. W. Bro. Ken Adamson	Organist
Bro. Don Williams	Inner Guard
W. Bro. Wayne Robinson	Tyler
Bro. Jeff Heimpel	Senior Steward
Bro. Mike Novadovic	Junior Steward

Ceremony of the Extinguishing of the Lights
The Grand Master has given permission for this
ceremony to take place on
June 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (M.C.H.)
and will be in attendance.

MASONIC MILESTONES

At the May meeting of **Meridian Lodge, No. 687**, **W. M. Steve Cowell** presented **W. Bro. Al Grieve** with a **60-year Masonic Service Pin**.

At the April meeting of **Corinthian Lodge, No. 513**, **W. Bro. Brad Carr** presented **W. Bro. Ernest Bromhead** with a **50-year Masonic Service Pin**.

At a recent meeting of **Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654**, **Bro. Bob Pilgrim**, too, received his **50-year Masonic Service Pin**.

Congratulations to these distinguished Masons.

A Festive Occasion at Ionic Lodge No. 549



V.W. Bro. Bill Stanfield recently received a **50-year Masonic Service Pin** from the **G.L.C.P.O.** and a **50-year Jewel** from the **G. L. of Ireland**. He is shown here with his wife and members of **Ionic Lodge No. 549**.



Ionic Lodge Photos by John Lyness

Helping to celebrate the occasion were several local brethren who were all originally from Northern Ireland, lead by R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston.

Landmarks/Doric No. 654 Recently Welcomed A Special Visitor



Photos courtesy of Landmarks/Doric Lodge

At its regular meeting of January 24, 2012, the brethren of **Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 GRC** were pleased to welcome as a visitor, **W. Bro. Joseph M. Walter**, W.M. of **Port Huron Lodge No. 58, A.F.& A.M., Port Huron, Michigan**.

W. Bro. Walter is the great-grandson of R. W. Bro. Fred Walter, who was **Master of Doric Lodge No. 382 in 1896** and served as **District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District 8, in 1904**.

Pictured inset, above, is **R. W. Bro. Fred Walter** and, in the photo at right is **W. Bro. Joseph M. Walter** accompanied by three Past Masters of Doric Lodge, **R. W. Bro. Norman G. McCarthy**, **V. W. Bro. A. David M. Ward**, and **R. W. Bro. Robert G. Wands**.

INSTALLATIONS

Monday, June 11, 2012

Valley Lodge No. 100

Dundas Masonic Hall

Lodge Tyled at 7:30 p.m. Dinner to follow.

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Temple Lodge No. 324

Masonic Centre of Hamilton

Lodge Tyled at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

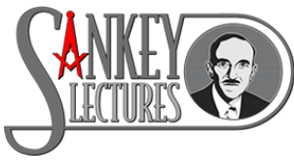
Meridian Lodge No. 687

Ancaster Masonic Hall

Lodge Tyled at 7:00 p.m.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

The Masonic Service Association of North America has a great deal of items of Masonic interest - check it out at <http://www.msana.com/>.



The recent 2012 Sankey Lecture at Brock University is now available in its entirety on video. It features our excellent guest speaker for this year, **Dr. Steven C. Bullock**, talking about *The Heart of Masonry: Upstate New York and the New Nation, 1776-1826*. http://www.sankeylectures.ca/2012_bullock_lecture.html

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 9, 2012

**Valley Lodge No. 100
7th Annual Golf Tournament
and Charity Auction**

Copetown Woods Golf Club

Contact Bill Paul at 905-719-6464 bill_paul@dart.biz.

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

D.D.G.M.'s "Journeys End"

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

Masonic Centre of Hamilton

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 23, 2012

First District C Annual Picnic

July 17 - 19, 2012

**GRAND LODGE
157TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
Royal York Hotel, Toronto**

Tuesday, July 17, 2012



Westmount Lodge Bus to G. L.

Return from the Royal York at 11:30 p.m.

Cost - \$25 (tip and tax, inclusive)

Bro. Gabby Bravo, a member of Westmount Lodge and Owner of Mermaid Limo Service, donates the

use of the vehicle for this occasion. Proceeds go to the Westmount Lodge Benevolent Fund. For further information, contact W. Bro. Wayne Robinson at 289-440-8338 or W. Bro. Dave Midgley at 905-389-0030.

Wednesday, August 22, 2012



Masonic Beef and Corn Roast

Marritt Hall: Ancaster Fairgrounds

630 Trinity Road at Hwy No. 2.

Open: 4:30 p.m. Corn: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

ADULTS - \$15.00 (12 Years +)

CHILDREN - \$5.00

Family and Friends are welcome.

See your Lodge "Husker" representatives for tickets.

No tickets sold at the door. Funds raised go directly to St. Peter's Hospital for Alzheimer's research.

Summer BBQ

Hamilton Masonic District C^{*}
1st Annual BBQ
Saturday, June 23rd - noon to 6pm

WELCOME ALL Brethren, spouses, children, parents!

Serbian Community Centre
Guyatt Road, East of Highway 56
towards Binbrook, watch for road signs

bring lawn chairs

Each Lodge will prepare their own fine BBQ
Arrive for set up at noon!

See your Lodge BBQ Representative to sign up
to ensure there is enough food and for any other details

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Folk & Rock Band, Pipes & Drums,
Youth band, Solo Guitarist & More

Find a Mystery Man
win a silver dollar!

Sports & Games for the kids

- balloons
- clowns
- face painting & much more

Come Out & Have A Fast Filled Afternoon!



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